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District Ranger of the Year/ Commander's Award Ceremony April 5

The 2003 Ranger of the Year testing will be at Christ Church A/G in South Fort Worth. Each section will be sending one boy from each age group after they have completed their sectional testing. All 5 age groups (Straight Arrows, Buckaroos, Pioneers, Trailblazers, and Challengers) will be tested. The Ranger of the Year testing in 2004 will cover the new age groups.

Also, at this years' Ranger of the Year Awards ceremony, we will be holding our annual Commander's Award Ceremony. The boys will have the exciting opportunity to see their commanders accepting their awards.

District Module Training April 26

Training for the new modules that are being released by the National office this year will be taught at the District Module Training day at First A/G in Lufkin. The cost will be \$15.00, if pre-registered, and \$20.00 at the door. This cost includes lunch which will be brisket, potato salad and beans. All commanders can stay overnight for free at the church on Friday night, April 25th.

A list of the modules being taught is:

- * Ranger Kids Activities (3 hour module)
- * Discovery/Adventure Rangers Activities (3 hour module)
- * Safety and the Church (2 hr module)
- * Discipleship I (3 hour module)
- * Discipleship II (3 hour module)
- * Outpost Council (2 hour module)
- * FCF (2 hour module)
- * Successful Outposts (4 hour module)
- * How to Start an Outpost (2 hour module)
- * Teaching Techniques (3 hour module)

Directions to First A/G in Lufkin are as follows:

From the Dallas area: Take Interstate 20 East to Tyler. Take 69 South to Lufkin, go right onto Loop 287, exit on Feagin Road. Stay to the left and go under the overpass and enter the on ramp. The church will be on the right.

From Houston area: Take 59 North to Loop 287 stay to the left and pass under the overpass and turn left onto Loop 287. You will then see the church on the right, approximately 1.5 miles.



Pastor Larry Allgood presents a plaque to former Commander of Outpost 13, Pat McConnell, as "Honorary Commander" of Outpost 86. Looking on is present Outpost 86 Commander Joe Watts (left) and Lee Fogelman, Divisional Commander (right).

Buying A Share In The Future

God told Jeremiah in Jeremiah 32:8 to buy a share in the future without any possible hope of a return on his investment. He was, however, obedient and history tells the rest of the story. Wouldn't it be great to live to see and experience reaping where you have sown, or drinking from a well you helped to dig?

Forty years ago, I was a ten year old boy, but not just a boy, a Royal Ranger, a Pioneer, in Outpost 13, Plano, Texas, North Texas District. There I met a man who was ten feet tall and knew every knot in the book and how to start a fire from almost nothing. He was a patient man given to understanding the energy of ten year old boys. He was faithful because I never remember showing up and him not being there. He was someone to trust in, to talk to, and to learn from. I probably should have learned more but then, I was only ten. However, many principles of life are learned in the great outdoors, as if in some way you are closer to God. These things, not soon forgotten, shape and mold a life.

Today, forty years down the road of life, it has taken some interesting twists and turns. All grown up now, I pastor a wonderful congregation in Greenville, Texas, Central Assembly of God. The ten foot tall man, known to most as Pat McConnell, is now a man of average height, although I still look up to him. He is now a member of my flock. I call him friend, mentor, Commander. He calls me Pastor.

READY,
Rev. Larry Allgood